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## Parish News

July 2022

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It was lovely to read your comments about the Girton Parish News. Those of you who look forward to it coming through the letterbox each month and others who struggle to get out of the house and find it invaluable for keeping in touch with what's going on in the village.

We also want to say a big thank you to Girton Town Charity which has agreed to support the Girton Parish News going forward and will certainly help to put us on a more stable financial footing

The Girton Parish News provides a unique insight into what goes on in our precious village and we are grateful that with your valued support we can continue to document life in Girton for years to come.

The Editor

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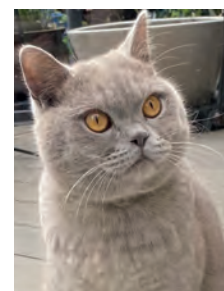
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## Letter to the GPN

### Our Cat is back!

Thank you to everyone for looking out for our cat and your kind messages. He was taken in March from Thornton Road, but thankfully has now been found.

*Hawkes Family*



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## Girton Parish Council

### Communication, communication, communication

We are aiming to make as much local information about what is going on in the village on Girton community website, Facebook and Twitter as soon as we know it is happening so that you know too! Working with Girton Parish News we are aiming to speed the availability of parish council agenda, minutes and summary information.

The significant number of you who viewed the Jubilee on our websites confirms many of you are viewing this information. The Facebook Girton Village Community Group page has grown by 75% since Girton Parish Council joined on 1 October 2021. Please let us know what information is useful to you and we will aim to make it available.

### Girton full council meetings - dates for your diary

Girton Parish Council has agreed to hold its full council meeting on the second Wednesday of each month. There is a 15 minute slot at the beginning of each meeting for members of the public to speak to items on the evening's agenda. If you would like to bring a topic to the agenda please contact the clerk at [clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk) or contact any of our councillors. Our full council meetings are for decisions affecting your village and your community and we hope you will attend to bring a topic to our meetings or to observe your parish council in action. Our next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13 July.

### Girton Parish Council – Here to hear

Girton Parish Council has a new initiative starting on Friday 24 June in Lexi's Pop-up Café.

From 11am to 12.30 on Fridays when the Café is open some of the councillors and parish clerk will be in the café to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

What do you want to see from your parish council? Are there any issues that you would like to discuss? Would you like to get involved as a volunteer?

We would very much like to meet as many of you as possible at Lexi's Café. Hope to see you there.

### See you at the Feast!

Girton Parish Council has a stall at the Feast from 12 noon on Saturday 9 July. We will be there with our local nature recovery plan group and many other local groups and businesses. Please come and visit us to find out more about your parish council and what's on our to do list [www.girtonfeast.org.uk/familyfunday.php](http://www.girtonfeast.org.uk/familyfunday.php).

### Important tree work to be carried out in Girton

Earlier this year Girton Parish Council had a tree survey completed. This is a requirement for each parish council to ensure trees on their land are safe and in good

condition. Some of the recommended work will be carried out from 20 to 22 June. All houses in the vicinity of this work including Woodlands Park and Wellbrook Way will have had a letter hand-delivered from Girton Parish Council ahead of these dates. If you have any concerns or questions please contact [clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk) or 01223 618619. Find out more about the Girton Parish Council tree survey on our website: <https://www.girton-cambs.org.uk/girton-parish-council-tree-survey-feb-2022/>

*Parish Clerk*

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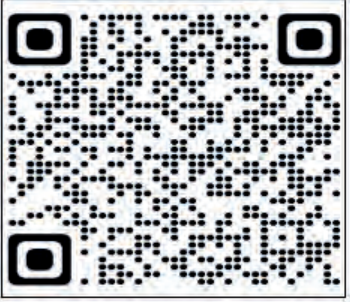


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# FROM OUR COUNCILLORS

## District Councillor Corinne Garvie

### Congratulations and thanks to all Jubilee events

A big thank you to the Parish Council and all the people who helped to make the Jubilee celebrations such a success.

### Transport consultations

There are a number of transport consultations currently underway.

**The Local Transport and Connectivity Plan** hosted by the mayor and the combined authority. This preliminary stage of consultation is meant for stakeholders including parish councils; a wider public consultation will follow. The consultation is broken into geographic areas; for us this is 'Greater Cambridge,' meaning Cambridge and South Cambs. Closing date is 4 August.

<https://yourltp.co.uk/greater-cambridge/>

A new road Classification for Cambridge hosted by the Greater Cambridge Partnership. This seeks to reset the current road network and allow different modes of transport along different streets, including transport for people with impaired mobility. Closing 18 July

<https://consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/road-network-hierarchy-2022>

Cambourne to Cambridge seeking to provide public and active travel connection from 'C2C'. This may be of interest if you have connections in Cambourne. Hosted by the Greater Cambridge Partnership and closing July 11.

<https://consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/c2c-eia-2022>  
Household Support Grant extension

Support for people who are struggling to pay for essential items, food and utility bills will continue in Cambridgeshire after an extension of the Household Support Fund.

In March the Government announced the extension of the scheme, awarding Cambridgeshire an additional £3.58m to support children, families and pensioners. The County Council will be offering the following schemes:

- \* £1.96m for provision of food vouchers with a value of £15 per child per week, for the 2022 May half term and summer holidays. Schools and child-care settings, including childminders, will be contacted directly and eligible parents will be notified.
- \* £1.2m to support households with a person who has reached state pension age by 30/9/2022 and in financial hardship.
- \* A boost for other services supporting those in need

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund>

### Boiler upgrade scheme opens

The government has announced their new £450m Boiler Upgrade Scheme is open for grant applications and payments. Homeowners can benefit from grants to fit clean heating systems when they come to replace their oil and gas boilers, including systems installed from 1 April this year. The scheme will improve the energy efficiency of homes, reduce energy bills and cut emissions. The scheme runs

over three years from 2022-2025, and property owners will be able to get:

£5,000 off installation of an air source heat pump

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-you-may-be-eligible-for-the-boiler-upgrade-scheme-from-april-2022>

### Gypsy and Roma traveller history month

Every June is Gypsy and Roma traveller history month. Through celebration, education and raising awareness, the month of activities helps to tackle prejudice, challenge myths and to amplify the voices of Gypsy and Roma travellers in wider society.

<https://www.gypsy-traveller.org/heritage/gypsy-roma-and-traveller-history-month-2022/>

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## Ten Sing

Ten Sing continues to meet each week and our numbers are slowly growing, as current members bring friends who find our mixture of performance and social events something they enjoy being part of. We are currently practicing for a mini concert for family and friends which we will then follow with an end of year get together in July – this will be only our second performance, following a short set at the Open Gardens in Histon, as like many others we have not had the chance to entertain others for over two years. The intention is to keep it small to begin with, as our new members will not have had much experience of a full Ten Sing performance and we want to ease them in slowly!

It is exam season for four of our members and we wish them all the best for the next few weeks. We are hoping that once they have finished the tests, we can visit some local schools to show people what Ten Sing is all about and get some new members. We are also having two taster sessions, on Thursday 14 and Thursday 21 July, for any young people who would like to give us a try – we are open to anyone from the school term they turn 11 until 18, so Year 5 and 6 pupils especially are welcome to come and see what we are all about. From 7.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. on the above dates. Any questions contact us at [cambridgetensing@gmail.com](mailto:cambridgetensing@gmail.com).

Terry King

Ten Sing Co-ordinator  
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# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## Eddington update

At Eddington the wildflowers are blooming which makes it a perfect time to visit the community next door if you have not yet done so. Mike Dean, the project ecologist, has prepared a blog with some photos that can be read on the Eddington website to help you spot different flowers, along with areas to look out for.

Turing Locke, the hotel complex in Eddington is also hosting events that the local community are welcome to attend. A new book club was launched at the end of June at the hotel with a guided discussion by the author, Abbie Greaves. The book club meets again on 28 July. For dog owners, there is a regular walk and talk on the last Sunday of the month. Additionally, Cambridge Quill are hosting a calligraphy workshop (fee applies) on 21 July.

For more information about upcoming events and news, visit our website: [www.eddington-cambridge.co.uk](http://www.eddington-cambridge.co.uk).

## Girton Walking Group

### Saturday 2 July: Rampton to Cottenham Circular

Meet at the village green in Rampton, 10 am. Use the postcode for the Black Horse pub, but park in the side roads – CB24 8QE. The walk is six miles using mainly tracks and grass footpaths to Cottenham Lode and quiet lanes. A description of the walk can be found below:

<http://walkswanderingsramblings.blogspot.com/2015/03/rampton-to-cottenham-circular-via.html>

If you want to eat at the pub afterwards it is probably advisable to book in advance.

The walk will be led by Gina and Paul Lane, email: [ginaklane@aol.com](mailto:ginaklane@aol.com)

### Saturday 6 August: Fenstanton to Fen Drayton Lakes RSPB Nature Reserve

This five mile route is easy walking of great variety along the riverside, across fields, round lakes and through a nature reserve. There is plenty of wildlife and wildflowers to see.

The walk begins at 10am from the small car park in Fenstanton, 160 metres up Chequer Street on the left (PE28 9JQ for sat nav).

The walk will be led by Kay Green, email: [kaygreen1@gmail.com](mailto:kaygreen1@gmail.com)

Our walk on 4 June saw a small but select group set out from Bar Hill and, having gained the hill into Dry Drayton, a path led us from the road across Rectory Farm through fields knee high with wheat. Turning right took us to the old village of Childerley. We then turned Northwards along an ancient drove to Lolworth, where they were setting up their Jubilee marquee, and an easy walk back to Bar Hill.



## Girton Poppy Appeal

All past and present volunteers are invited to a

**Thank You and Social Event**  
(with light refreshments)

on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August  
from 7.30pm to 9.00pm  
in The Cotton Hall, Girton.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer for the 2022 campaign in November is also very welcome.

Poppy Appeal Organiser :  
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## Girton Cottontails Preschool

We've been making the most of the (mostly) lovely weather recently both in the preschool garden and at Forest School. In the garden, we have made a kitchen in the sand pit and created

lots of yummy sand food! We've been fishing in the water tray and also playing lots of ball games, kicking and throwing the ball and rolling hula hoops. This has been lots of good practise for aim, hand-eye co-ordination and working with others.

We have some fruit bushes growing and have been delighted to harvest our first, very small crop of raspberries. We also planted some new flowers which look lovely and the children are learning how to care for them.

Our rising 5s have continued with P.E. lessons, we played different games including ball games and following instructions games like stuck in the mud and the 'bean' game. We also had weekly jogs around the big field. After one jog round, some of the children were keen to go for a second lap!



During the last week of last half term, we learnt about the Queen and celebrated the Jubilee. We made bunting, flags and necklaces at preschool and Forest crowns at Forest School. We were invited to join the Girton Glebe street party which was lovely and had an ice-lolly from the ice cream van too!

We are a community interest company, so non-profit making and we greatly appreciate any support you can give. Please take a look at our gofundme page and our Amazon wish list: <http://www.gofundme.com/f/emma-amp-laura-are-reopening-cottontails-preschool>  
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## Girton Glebe

What a busy week Girton Glebe had for the Jubilee! Our week began with a mountain-load of cupcakes baked by children across the school. When we first posed this as a competition (with

me as the judge) I was told there would be a manageable sum I would need to taste to discover our winning entries - they were wrong! Without putting a number to the volume of cupcakes consumed, it was fair to say I was *royally* stuffed. Congratulations to all our winners again whose cakes were judged on looks and taste.

Our next event, which was particularly exciting for me, was our open afternoon to invite all our Girton Glebe families into school. Children played excellent hosts and started the afternoon with a whole school chorus of three uplifting songs performed for families as they entered the playground. Adults then had the opportunity to participate and observe children in their classes before the end of the day.

The Friday of the Jubilee Week saw the lunch hall transport itself into the playground for our street party, with bunting to boot. The bunting was an amazing backdrop to the street party, which was created by children with the wonderful support from *Escape and Create*. The party was a huge success and was nicely finished off with the arrival of an ice-cream van!

The Jubilee Week was a fantastic way to end a busy half-term and I just want to finish on a personal thanks to all parents and staff that made it such a success - especially FOGG and Mrs Knowler.

*Chris Butler*  
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## Art exhibition raises nearly £1,500

The St Andrew's art exhibition in May raised £1,490 for the Domboshawa Trust. Many thanks to all the artists, to those who purchased paintings and to all who helped to make the exhibition such a success. It was great to welcome many hundreds of people to enjoy the art over the course of the weekend and to see so many pieces sold to raise money. Special thanks to Clare Conboy who oversaw the whole event.

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Sunday June 12th, 5.15pm. I have shut the gates at the close of the Allotments Annual Open Day. There are never great numbers of visitors. No doubt the other dozen open gardens are superficially more attractive, giving expectations of showy herbaceous borders and rustic designs. However, my several pleasant conversations with appreciative visitors suggested they were impressed with the activities and diverse things to see around the allotment site.

Our primary purpose is to grow vegetables and fruits. And on the whole our plants are not showy ... almost 100% greenery (there are exceptions like the beautiful courgette flowers). But over the years, the site has become a considerably more diverse and colourful place. Finished for this season were swathes of daffodils, tulips, bluebells, cow parsley. Walking around this month, one admires so many 'garden' plants: Californian poppies (childhood memories of sliding off the wizard's hat caps to release the petals?), foxgloves, marigolds, sweet peas, oriental poppies, irises, peonies, cranesbill, sweet williams. Standing and watching, so



pleasing to see myriads of pollinators burrowing in and out of the flower heads. And just as lovely, great clumps of wild blue-flowered borage,

and of green alkanet (with its blue flowers!). Many more I can't identify. And also, of course, the now-established wild flower area. Coming later in the year will be dahlias, cosmos and much more. Yes, the allotment site is a diverse beautiful place and where we benefit from our primary aim, home-grown vegetables.

I was recently given a book, *Weeds: The Beauty and Uses of 50 Vagabond Plants*. I think the author used my plot for his research; I seem to have every one of them except (thankfully) Japanese knotweed. It was an opinion changer. The term 'weed' is so pejorative, causing us to declare war. But learning their habits, their uses, often their beauty, I'm now happy to see them around the margins of my plot. Incidentally, the book contains beautiful old-fashioned botanical drawings.

I've concentrated on plants. No space to talk about the fascinating birdlife. But a little story. I was unchoking the raspberry bushes of bindweed when a great spotted woodpecker hopped from the bindweed jungle onto the grass. Small and bewildered, clearly a baby, it retreated to its hideaway but re-emerged more distressed. A par-

ent suddenly swooped down and ushered the baby into a nearby hedge. I know no more. I hope there was a happy ending.



I ought to mention our crops.

I worry about generalising because members' experiences vary widely. But gathering reports, the consensus is that it is a difficult year and members are enduring disappointment with some crops. A wide range of poor germination, second sowings often necessary. Plants put out onto the plots not 'taking off' and remaining sickly. Bad infestations of blackfly. I heard the sad tale today of a member who picked all his pea crop and was able to freeze a weight of peas about equal to the weight he sowed. We discuss all this and come to no particular conclusion!

*Graham Jones, Girton Allotment Society*



## Restarting Scouting in Girton

Cambridge District Scouts are offering to help Girton restart a Scout group in the village for Cubs (8-10 year olds) and Scouts (10-14) after the previous group folded a few years ago. The new group will be supported by one or two experienced volunteer leaders but it will need some local leaders for this highly rewarding volunteering role.

Volunteers will be offered full training and plenty of support and their children will get priority on any waiting lists. You don't have to have been a Scout (or Guide) to volunteer.

Initial plans are to meet at the Pavilion one evening a week, starting with the new school year in September, assuming we can gather enough volunteer leaders.

If you are interested in becoming a leader, or if you have young people, boys or girls, who would be interested in attending, please email the Cambridge Scouts district chair, Tom Hartley, at [chair@cambridgescouts.org.uk](mailto:chair@cambridgescouts.org.uk)

## Codeword solution (see page 17)

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## Wild Girton

At Wild Girton we have always been fascinated with the historical and regional names for birds – and their origins. Here we collect together a few of the various names for some of our favourite garden birds.

The once ubiquitous *House Sparrow* has a long association with people in the UK as denoted by the term *Sparrow* dating back to the Old English 'sparwa'. Many (similar) regional names for the bird include *Spadger*, *Sprog*, and *Spuggy*. Its connection with London is reflected in the term *Cockney Sparra* usually applied to the more cheeky denizens of that fair(?) City.

Historically, Britain's national bird the *Robin* was more usually known by another name *Redbreast* in these islands. The term *Robin* - an affectionate alternative to the name Robert was co-joined with *Redbreast* some time in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and has remained an alternative to the shortened form ever since. It follows an English fashion for applying people's names to birds e.g. Jenny to *Wren*, and Martin to *Swift* and *House Martin*.

Our feeder aficionados, the *Blue* and *Great Tits*, were along with other members of the tit family grouped historically under the generic term *Titmouse*. Strangely, this has nothing to do with our diminutive mammal but derives from the Middle English term *tit* - for any small creature and Saxon *mose* - curiously meaning the same. *Blue Tits* have been variously known as *Tom Tit*, *Betty Tit*, *Pickcheese* (Norfolk) and *Tinnock*. The latter two imitative of its song.

Similarly regional names for *Great Tit* derived from interpretations of its call. We often represent this now as *teacher teacher* but to our forbears' ears this sounded like saws being sharpened. Hence we had *Sharp-Saw* (Norfolk), *Sawfinch*, *Saw-Sharpener*, *Saw-Whet* as alternative names as well as *Sit-Ye-Down*, *Black-Capped Billy*, and *Black-Headed Bob*.

*Blackbirds* were often historically known as *Ouzels*, which in turn derives from the High German *Amsel* – which means *Blackbird*. The name *Ouzel* survives today in the form of the mountain blackbird found on our Northern and Western uplands - the *Ring Ouzel*. Other names for *Blackbird* include *Blackie*, *Colly* (meaning: coal-like), and *Cock Ouzel*.

What alternative names have you heard for our garden birds? Any particular to Cambridgeshire that you know of? Tweet them to @Wild\_Girton or email them to us at [Beltane3659@gmail.com](mailto:Beltane3659@gmail.com) and we'll tweet them for you.

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Keith Honnor



## Girton WI

Girton WI celebrated the Jubilee with bubbles, cake, and a fascinating meeting led by Margaret Waring. During her talk Margaret described the lives of four strong women, the textiles they donated to her research, and the

witty textile art she had created to characterise and remember them. Margaret was also able to show us examples of different textiles and embroidery work ranging from 18<sup>th</sup> Century England to more modern work from Japan.

We look forward to another textile related talk at the beginning of July, our summer party in August and then exploring the history of Cambridgeshire in September, learning about gemstones in October and our craft evening in November. On a personal note, it was also lovely (and an honour) to represent Girton WI during the excellent village Jubilee celebrations and I would like to pass on Girton WI's thanks to Mary Rodger and the other volunteers for the wonderful job they did!

As always, we look forward to meeting friends old (and new) on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the William Collyn Community Centre. There is no obligation to join, and attendance at up to three WI meetings as a visitor is free. You also do not need to be able to bake, make jam or know the words to Jerusalem (they let me in after all!) and our range of ages means that there will always be someone to talk to, whoever you are.

For more information about Girton WI, or about the daytime Knit and Natter and Jigsaw clubs, or the WI Nationally or about Girton WI, please contact [girtonwi@gmail.com](mailto:girtonwi@gmail.com) or [girtonwisecretary@gmail.com](mailto:girtonwisecretary@gmail.com).

Whether you are a member, a past member, or someone who has never tried the WI before, I look forward to seeing you and giving you a warm welcome.

Hannah Wyborn

Girton WI President



## Earlybirds WI

At our June meeting Dr Neil Dickinson gave us a concise insight into the history of nuclear physics - a subject not easily disseminated to those non-scientists among us. Towards the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when many thought

'physics was all sorted out', Ernest Rutherford emerged in New Zealand, winning a scholarship to Cambridge in 1895. He worked and studied at the Cavendish Laboratory, initially working with Joseph John Thomson who in 1897 discovered the electron. Rutherford returned to Cambridge after WWI as the Cavendish professor and moved into Newnham Cottage on Queens Road.

His career was one of hard work, ideas and frustration, but he won a Nobel prize for chemistry and earned a knighthood. He believed he had 'touched the ghost of matter' and is often referred to as the father of nuclear physics.

On July 9 we are having a stall at Girton Feast Week. There is no formal meeting in August but we will be meeting for coffee and a chat on Girton Rec on a couple of Fridays. Then on September 9 we will hear from Brenda Horton on 'Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes'.

We meet at the CFWI office in Girton on a Friday morning every month. For more information email our secretary [k.m.richardson.1157@gmail.com](mailto:k.m.richardson.1157@gmail.com)



# GIRTON FEAST UPDATE



The countdown has begun... Girton Feast events are happening the second weekend in July

Please see the pull-out supplement in the June issue of the GPN for all the details or visit our website: [www.girtonfeast.org.uk](http://www.girtonfeast.org.uk)

There are also posters around the village with all the details. We hope to see you and your family there.

**Friday evening concert, 8 July at 7pm**  
**Village Fete, Saturday 9 July, 12noon to 9pm with the**  
**one mile Fun Run at 3pm**

We would like to thank all our sponsors and volunteers who help to make these such great events. If you are able to help on the day please come to the front entrance gazebo, we would also value your help when we clear up on Sunday morning!

Please contact us via our website: [www.girtonfeast.org.uk](http://www.girtonfeast.org.uk) all queries will be answered – or contact Rowena: [rowena@girtonfeast.org.uk](mailto:rowena@girtonfeast.org.uk), Carol: [carol@girtonfeast.org.uk](mailto:carol@girtonfeast.org.uk) or Helen: [helen@girtonfeast.org.uk](mailto:helen@girtonfeast.org.uk)





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# GIRTON scoreboard



## Girton Bowls Club

Our typical English weather has been so changeable during the start of our season, one day we play in a complete outfit of waterproofs as protection against the cold wind and the next day we are able to play in shirtsleeves. The season is now in full swing with either internal,

external or league Competitions taking place with some of our members playing twice a day. In the Ely & District League, Division 1 we have played 8 games and won 8 games so remain top of the league. In Division 2 our second team's latest match against Willingham was won 5-1.

In the Cambridge & District (C&D) League we have played 7 games and won 7, placing us top of the League. In the Meldreth League we are sitting mid-table out of 9 teams and in the Business Houses League we are lying in 7th position out of 9 teams, having played only one game so far this season.

In the external C&D League competitions, our team in the Lord Eltisley 2 wood triples are through to the second round. In the Lacon cup 3 wood triples our team beat the Abbey club 12-10 and now play against Abington. In the C&D men's singles Alan Benton won at Castle Camps and now plays against an opponent from Cambs and County Bowls club.

In the men's pairs Dave Fryer and Alan Benton won their match against Sawston and go through to the second round. In the mixed pairs Evelyn and Dave Fryer won their first round match. Carey Horton and Janet Graaff are through to the second round of the Ladies pairs after winning against a pair from Comberton 20-19, having to play an extra end as the position was drawn 19-19 after 21 ends.

Good luck to all our members who are competing in the external competitions.

We will be taking part again this year in the Girton Feast celebrations and will have a Tombola stall and our very popular Target Bowls game. Please come and join us and have a go.

Invitations have now gone out for our Open Triples competition on 14th August, sponsored again this year by Peasgood and Skeates, to which we have already received a very good response.

Regarding the ongoing difficulty of accessibility to toilet facilities for the Bowls Club, a report has now been made by the Architect of the William Collin Centre containing suggestions as to how these difficulties may be overcome. We now wait to hear from the Girton Town Charity and the Parish Council.

If you are interested in finding out about joining Girton Bowls Club, please see our website [www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com](http://www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com) or please contact our Secretary, Carey Horton, at [carey@horton.uk.net](mailto:carey@horton.uk.net). We are always pleased to welcome new members.

*Lynne McGill*



## Girton Netball Club

I would like to dedicate this month's article to our treasured captain, Mel Gulston, who will be leaving Girton shortly to move to Aberdeen with her family.

I know I speak for all of my teammates when I say that throughout our time with Girton Netball, Mel has been the one constant. Captain of the team, shooter of goals, washer of the bibs, keeper of the keys, pumper of the balls, general organiser of court bookings, match fixtures, coaches, finances and new starters – she will be greatly missed not only for everything she has done for the club, but also for her steadfast loyalty, welcoming smile, quick wit and infectious enthusiasm. She is also an amazing shooter and has the best one-two footwork of anyone in the club. To see her leap onto the ball is truly inspirational.



*Mel and the team*

I hope that a lucky netball club in Aberdeen will be as grateful to have Mel on their team as we have been and we wish her and her family all the best for the exciting adventure ahead.

Good luck, Mel, take care and we'll be up to see you soon. All at Girton Netball Club.

*Emma-Louise Longden*



## Girton Tennis Club

The international tennis tournament season is well underway and, by the time this is published, Wimbledon should have started (rain permitting). With all the media coverage, we normally find increased interest in playing tennis at this time of year but there are generally plenty of playing slots available for members to book on the two local courts.

We will be opening the courts for the Girton Feast during the afternoon of Saturday 9th July. Anyone who would like to come and try out a bit of tennis is very welcome. Balls and rackets are provided but please wear soft, flat-soled shoes if you would like access to the courts.

The tennis club has use of the recreation ground courts and members who purchase a key and have a confirmed booking have court access during most daylight hours. Club members meet and play from around 7.30pm to 9pm on Friday evenings. Potential new members are very welcome to come along to our Friday club nights for one or two free sessions to check it all out.

Details about our activities can be found on our website [www.girtontennisclub.uk](http://www.girtontennisclub.uk) or by contacting our Membership Secretary by email [info@girtontennisclub.uk](mailto:info@girtontennisclub.uk).

*Alan Franklin*



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## CODEWORDS

Each number 1-26 represents a different letter of the alphabet. Can you work out which is which? Use your word skills and the clues included. Note that Codewords can include names or well-known phrases. Answers are on page 11.

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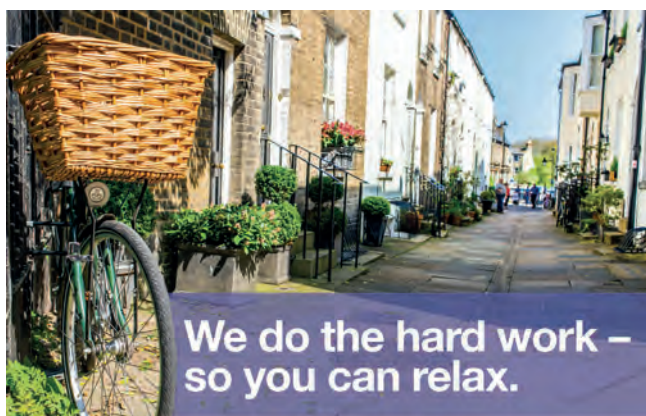
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## WORDSEARCH – Girton Village Feast 2022!

Can you find all these words in the grid? They can read left to right, right to left, Up or Down or Diagonally. Tick them off as you go.

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### A Listening Lantern Village Planter

Listening Lantern is thrilled to sponsor one of the glorious Girton planters which now adorn the main road through the village. And its position in the village is not random as you will see by the photograph. Close to where I live, it is nestled beside a telephone pole which has its wires exposed – it is sad to see that the pole has not been maintained but it is fortuitous for what it represents for Listening Lantern!

Seeing the complexity of the wiring which allows people to communicate via landline telephone is a great image which links to the whole purpose of mental health and suicide first aid training: the power of non-judgemental listening and the power of connection. I wonder what the planters represent to other individuals, groups and businesses who have sponsored them?

### Signposting

The website [www.hubofhope.co.uk](http://www.hubofhope.co.uk) allows you to search for charities and support groups specific to mental health and well-being needs in your local area. You can search by location or postcode and then refine your search even further. This could be a useful tool for you or for someone you know.

### Mental health first aid and suicide first aid

From September onwards I will be offering enhanced packages of both MHFA and SFA training to fully equip people to support others. This runs alongside ongoing free network and support sessions for those who I train so that they themselves are supported.

*Juliet Adlouné, a longstanding Girton resident, is a fully qualified and accredited Adult Mental Health First Aid Instructor and Suicide First Aid Associate Tutor experienced in delivering the full suite of MHFA and SFA courses and committed to supporting mental health within her local community. Contact her via:*

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## News for Older Residents

### Talking Together

The latest series has just started. To discover if there are spaces in any of the groups, phone 01223 364303.

### Retaining Functional Fitness

Do you want to build up your strength, stamina and suppleness so you can continue to do the things you enjoy? If so, Re-Fit classes will be appropriate as they involve an exercise plan based on a personal assessment. It is like having a personal trainer within a group setting. These Forever Active classes are currently held in Chesterton Methodist Church and Milton Community Centre. For more details email [enquiries@forever-active.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@forever-active.org.uk) or phone 07432 480105.

### Can you use any of these items?

A bedside reading table; a large supply of incontinence pads and pants for men and women; two zimmer frames; a shower seat and a shower stool; a traditional walking stick and two adjustable quad feet walking sticks; a folding commode and three packets of Complan nutrition drink.

### Annual leave

I will be unavailable for much of August, so please contact me this month about anything that might take a little time. My working days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays

*Patricia Johnston*

*Older Residents' Co-ordinator*

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## Providing Housing For Village Residents

Girton Town Charity's remit is to relieve the needs of Village residents and one of the key ways it achieves this is by funding the provision of almshouses. It currently has 13 properties, with a further 15 under construction at Dovehouse Court.

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### Legal arrangement

Almshouses are let as unfurnished homes with one, two or three bedrooms and are subject to different legal arrangements from private, council or housing association tenancies.

Residents are 'appointees', not 'tenants', live in the house under licence and pay a maintenance contribution, not rent. As they are almshouses, there is no 'right-to-buy' or opportunity for shared equity.

Vacancies, when they occur, are advertised locally and Girton residents can apply and are interviewed. Decisions are made on the basis of a wide range of criteria including an interview.

### Residency

With almshouses, residency for under 55's is limited to a maximum of three years. Over 55's or in the case of disability, appointments are made for as long as the resident is able to live independently.

All residents sign a Letter of Appointment which clearly states the terms and conditions of residency, including the length of the tenancy

### End of the residency

For three year appointments residents receive a reminder notice several months ahead of the end of their residency which outlines the next steps they must take to look for alternative housing.



*Mole Architects illustration of Dovehouse*

Support and assistance is also provided to enable appointees to look at the options available which include Housing Associations and private rental. Appointees are also encouraged to remain on the SCDC Homelink list.

Almshouse charities are the oldest form of social housing in this country, providing accommodation to those in need. Today over 36,000 people live in almshouses in the UK.

### Building project gathers pace

Over the past few weeks, the Barnes Construction team has continued to make positive progress in the construction programme at Dovehouse Court.

A topcoat of render has been applied to the front and gable end elevations, carpenters have started work on the guttering and roofing detail around the staircore / bikestore roof and internally, the dryliners have continued with the first fix on the ground floor rooms. Plastering works have been completed in the bungalows and the first mist coat of paint has been applied.

Ann Bonnett, Chair of GTC said: "Following our Topping Out a few weeks ago, the focus has now switched to the internal aspects of the build at Dovehouse Court which are progressing well. We are still on track for completion before the end of the year."

## NOTICE

### Family home available for a limited term appointment

A two-bedroom family home located at Centenary Court, Wellbrook Way, will be available for a three-year appointment in Summer 2022.

Centenary Court almshouses include fitted kitchen, living room, small garden, an off-road parking space and an energy-efficient heat recovery system.

Applications are invited from residents of Girton or those having a close connection with the village, who meet qualifications laid down by the Charity Commissioners.

Request an application form from the GTC office, complete this and return together with your written expression of interest to Ann Bonnett, Chair of Trustees.

Closing date 31st July 2022.

**Girton Town Charity exists for purposes which include the relief of need in Girton, either individually or collectively, or the support of any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Girton.**

**Enquiries on behalf of individuals or village organisations may be made in confidence:**

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Please see website for up to date details of Clubs and Classes [www.williamcollyn.co.uk](http://www.williamcollyn.co.uk)  
Information correct at time of going to press.

#### Monday

9.30 - 1.00pm	Tumble Tots
2.00 - 3.00pm	Kurling for over 55's
6.30 - 7.30pm	Clubbercise
8.00 - 9.30pm	Whole Notes Gospel Choir

#### Tuesday

8.30 - 9.30pm	Yoga with Julia Dale
10.00 - 11.00pm	Yoga with Julia Dale
6.00 - 7.00pm	Bounce
7.30 - 10.30pm	Easton Swing

#### Wednesday

9.30am - 12.00pm	Tiny Toes Ballet
6.00 - 6.45pm	Bounce
7.00 - 10.00pm	The W.I. (monthly - first Weds)
7.00 - 10.00pm	Girton Garden Society (monthly - second Weds)

#### Thursday

9.30 - 11.30am	Pilates
5.45 - 6.45pm	Pilates
7.15pm & 8.15pm	Ballroom Dance Classes

#### Friday

10.00 - 10.45am	Shake Rattle & Roll for pre-schoolers
9.30am - 12.30pm	Little City Toddler Play (monthly - second Friday)
7.30 - 8.30pm	Easton Swing (monthly - third Friday)

#### Saturday

9.00 - 10.00am	Bounce
10.30 - 11.45am	Vedanta Wellness Yoga
10.30 - 11.30am	Pilates
1.00 - 3.00pm	Cambridge Jazz Co-op (monthly)

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## Here we are – back again!

When she rang, and you know who I mean, yes, it was Her, and said. “There’s a lot going on in June, why not have a holiday?” I thought to myself, well one should obey Her Majesty – so I went on holiday. Why my wife rang to tell me that I don’t know?

She could have waited until we met each other again and then related that to me face to face. It would have saved a phone call to my mobile. Save the planet I say. You know what she’s like though, she’s just decreed that our **July function** is at the Abbeyfield restaurant on Wednesday 27th July 2022 at 12pm for 12.30pm. Jacen will be there for another singalong. He was very good last time, although a little loud to begin with, but we are going to rectify that so that you can chat to your friends as they arrive. If he is too loud this time we’ll cover him up with a blanket. Come and have a ‘good old time’ and enjoy a nice meal.

Here is the July menu – choose from

### Starter

1. Spring Vegetable Soup topped with croutons
2. Smoked Trout Salad + Pickled Vegetables
3. Deep Fried Poached Egg with Chorizo Jam

### Main

1. Medallions of Beef with Madeira Sauce & Asparagus.
2. Grilled Sea Bass Fillet with Risotto & Cherry Vine Tomatoes.
3. Pumpkin, Spinach & Feta Tart with Salad and Minted New Potatoes.

*All served with a Panache of Fresh Vegetables & Potatoes of the day.*

### Dessert

1. Vanilla Panna Cotta with Fruit Compote.
2. Apple and Blackberry Pie with Custard.
3. Lemon & Rhubarb Rice Pudding.

The meal will include a glass of wine and/or soft drink together with tea or coffee and a mint. Two courses including entertainment for £25 or three courses for £28.

Yes, I know you would prefer prawn cocktails followed by stew and dumplings and apple pie with custard. All that to be rounded off with a large mug of cocoa like your granny used to make and to get it all for half a crown. That’s not going to happen but the meals shown above will be good value by today’s standards so give it a try. Come on out and enjoy lunch with us.

For more details get in touch with:

*Sam Clift*

Tel: 07850740721 or email [samclift@ntlworld.com](mailto:samclift@ntlworld.com)

## July wine selections

Three refreshing white wines to savour as spring gives way to summer and we look forward to warmer, sunnier July weather.



### *Plaimont Côtes de Gascogne Colombard Sauvignon Blanc 2020 (France)*

A crisp, refreshing wine with pleasantly perfumed aromas, this Plaimont 2020 is a classic Gascony blend of Colombard and Sauvignon Blanc grapes. Pale lemon in colour, it has apple, honeysuckle and pineapple on the nose, and

lemon, lime, melon and peach on the palate. With medium acidity and a lengthy finish, it is a well-balanced wine offering very good value for money.

Enjoy it as an aperitif, or paired with fish, or goat cheese. Available from **Sainsbury's** (£8)



### *Chilford Hall Vineyard Legacy 2019 (Cambridgeshire)*

Set amongst the rolling chalk hills of the Cambridgeshire downs, Chilford Hall Vineyard in Linton is one of the oldest established vineyards in England. The Müller-Thurgau and Schönburger grapes used in

this blend were the first grape varieties planted on the estate.

An off-dry wine with fresh acidity, the Legacy has aromas of apple, honeysuckle and peach on the nose, and lime, pineapple and green apple on the palate. A refreshing, well-balanced wine, it can be drunk by itself or paired with a fish or chicken dish.

Available from Grape Britannia (£9.95)



### *Porta 6 Branco 2020 (Portugal)*

Produced from grapes grown in vineyards close to the Atlantic Ocean, this is a fresh, fruity wine with plenty of personality. Aromas of blossom, lemon, apple and pear on the nose lead to more stone fruit flavours of peach and apricot on the palate.

Medium-bodied with lively acidity and a hint of minerality, this is fine by itself or with a seafood or pasta dish. This is a good quality wine at this price.

Available from Tesco and Sainsbury's (£7-£7.50)

*Martin Nuttall*

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## Come for the Feast

The swiftly turning pages of the calendar have returned us once again to the summer festivities of village feasts. As in many communities across the land, we come together with friends and neighbours for a time of fun and celebration, sharing food and taking part in organized events and competitions.

Feasting as a custom is as old as humanity itself, when rituals were honoured, deals done and sealed, crafts displayed and exchanged, and resources shared with goodwill, peace and hope. Monarchs used feasting as a means of displaying sumptuous wealth and power. Generous hospitality softened the hard edge of negotiation to avoid potential conflict and merriment mixed with diplomacy encouraged the arrangement of trade deals and advantageous marriages.

For the industrial heartlands, this was the allotted time to down tools and enjoy holiday relaxation. In agricultural communities, it denoted acknowledgement of mutual labour resulting in thanksgiving for harvest crops seasonally ripening.

In the Old Testament, there is a remarkable account of how the beautiful Queen Esther used exquisite diplomacy and invitations to feasts to expose a murderous plot of genocide. Having learned of the plan of Haman, the honoured adviser to King Ahasuerus, to dispose of all the Jewish families in the kingdom, Esther needed both courage and great wisdom to secure the King's favour and approval to reverse the sovereign decree.

Feast times often serve as a marker of historical events, so that each succeeding generation will keep the record with purpose and unity. The seven feasts of Jehovah were instituted for the spiritual journey of the Children of Israel as yearly landmarks of remembrance. Beginning with the sacrifice of the Passover lamb, followed immediately by the Feast of Unleaven Bread, the deliverance from slavery in Egypt is still marked each year with joy and thanksgiving.

The Feast of Firstfruits was kept on the morrow after the Sabbath when the land of Promise had been reached with its abundance of wheat, barley, vines, fig trees and pomegranates. The first sheaf of grain was brought as a symbol of thanksgiving before the Lord God. Leviticus ch.23 lists the remaining feasts as Pentecost, or the Feast of Weeks when two loaves baked from fine flour were presented to the priest followed by all the sweet savour sacrifices including the sin offering.

Following an interval denoting the passing of six months, there comes the Feast of Trumpets, for resting, then the Day of Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles, when the labours and cares of life were put aside. The people made booths of the boughs of trees and entered into a time of joy and rejoicing for grace, mercy and provision.

We have fresh memories now of Jubilee celebrations and street feasts that were enjoyed with colourful pageantry and neighbourly goodwill.

When Jesus celebrated the Passover Feast before the time of his atoning death and subsequent rising, he urged his disciples to "keep the feast till I return."

This sabbath remembrance marks the dedication of his modern day disciples to keep fresh the giving of Jesus Christ as our Redeemer.

The Apostle Paul wrote (1 Corinthians 5v7,8)

*"Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleaven bread of sincerity and truth."*

*"Then within His home He led me  
Brought me where the feast is spread  
Made me eat with Him my Father  
I, who begged for bondsman's bread  
Not a suppliant at His gateway  
But a son within His home,  
To the love, the joy, the singing*

Iris Niven

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### Sunday Services: July

3rd	10:00 am	Holy Communion
10th	10:00 am	All-age Communion
	4:00pm	<i>Hymns and Pimms</i>
17th	10:00 am	Holy Communion
	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
24th	8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
	4:00 pm	Contemporary Style Worship
31st	10:00 am	Holy Communion

### Weekday Services: July

Tues	9am	Morning Prayer (said)
	3:45pm	Choir Church (during school term time)
Weds	9am	Morning Prayer (said) (Online)
Thurs	9am	Morning Prayer (said) (Online)
	9pm	Compline (said) (Online)

### Other Services:

13th	2:00pm	Abbeyfield Holy Communion
14th	4:00pm	Messy Church
19th	2:15pm	Arlington Manor Holy Communion
28th	11:00am	Gretton Court Holy Communion (BCP)

You are welcome to join us for worship in person or remotely at <http://bit.ly/GirtonParishLive>. Please check the church website for up to date information. ([www.girton.church](http://www.girton.church))

On 10 July we will be holding a *Hymns and Pimms* service, where you will be able to sing some of your favourite hymns while enjoying the classic summertime drink. Please note that there will be no evening prayer at 6pm on that day.

The Taizé service has been cancelled for this month. Please email Kay Barrett at [singing.kay@gmail.com](mailto:singing.kay@gmail.com) for details of further services or keep up to date on the church website.

*O God our mystery, you bring us to life, call us to freedom, and move between us with love. May we so participate in the dance of your Trinity, that our lives may resonate with you, now and for ever. (Janet Morley)*



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### Sunday Services

**(all at 10.30am and on Zoom)**

3rd	Morning Worship & communion, led by Nick Lowe
10th	Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe
17th	Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe
24th	Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe
31st	Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe

Messy Church is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 3.30pm. Messy Church is for parents and their children, with craft activities based on a Biblical theme, a story and a meal together. This month is the last Messy Church of the school year, and we are meeting on the Recreation Ground for a picnic and games. Please bring your own drinks, and perhaps something to sit on, like a groundsheet.

Tuesday Afternoon Friendship Group for seniors is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 2.15pm.

For further details about any of the above please ring 07751 748757 or email [pastor@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:pastor@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk).

The hymn 'What a Friend We Have In Jesus' was written by Joseph Scriven in about 1855. It seems that the words were first composed as a personal poem from Scriven to his elderly and ailing mother when he lived far away from her. Unlike other hymns Scriven wrote, it is tender and comforting in its use of language, indicating the personal nature of this hymn. Scriven himself suffered tragedy in his life. His first fiancée drowned accidentally the evening before their wedding, and his second fiancée also died of an illness shortly before their wedding. The hymn therefore was born on the anvil of life's hard blows, and it offers hope:

*What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit  
Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer  
Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer*

The answer to the rhetorical questions asked in this hymn (in verse 2, and other verses) is to, "Take it to the Lord in prayer". Some have rightly pointed out that Scriven's poetry is not of the highest quality. However, the message of this hymn is understood by all and it has encouraged the hearts of countless people for over 160 years, and it continues to do so.

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Thursday 14 July	Blue and Green bins
Thursday 21 July	Black bins
Thursday 28 July	Blue and Green bins

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**Thursday 28 July 2022**

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Abbeyfield	10.05 -10.50
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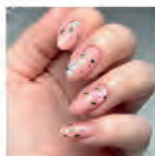
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